



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Crown of Lights Twinkles On

The Society's annual holiday lighting contest, the Crown of Lights, was held on Thursday evening, December 15th.

The winning display for "On the Boulevard" was the **Lether family** at 1240 Bigelow Ave. N. The "Off the Boulevard" winner was the **Guenther family** at 2562 7th Ave. W.

This yearly competition is intended to recognize the historic Queen Anne Boulevard as well as homes across Queen Anne. **Ponti's Grill and 10 West Mercer** restaurants provided gift certificates for prizes, arranged by the **Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce**.

The panel of judges included **Isabel Eggin**, Society president, **John Coney**, Uptown Alliance, **Nadine Frazier**, QA Alumni, and **Bob Frazier**, lighting contest chair. **Del Loder** again provided the van to drive the judges.



There's Joy, Joy, Joy at the Guenther residence, 2562 7th Ave. W., winner of the "Off the Boulevard" Crown of Lights. Photo by Isabel Eggin

Both winners said theirs was a family project. The Lethers said it was a great way to meet their neighbors. The Guenther display is different each year.

HARRY WHITNEY TREAT 1 WEST HIGHLAND DRIVE WED. JAN. 25TH, 7:30 PM

Discover the contributions and the twists and turns of Queen Anne's richest former resident, **Harry Whitney Treat**. Members of the Queen Anne Historical Society will present the life and times of Treat, his mansion at 1 W. Highland Drive and the current efforts to preserve the house. Designed by Bebb and Mendell, the house was 18,000 square feet with 40 rooms. Among Treat's accomplishments was the opening of Loyal Heights and the Golden Gardens Park area. Come and find out about the man that built that grand house on the Counterbalance.

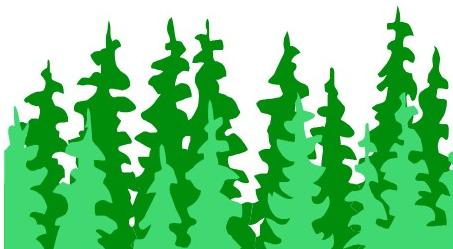
Join your neighbors at this interesting public meeting!

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave W. and W.
Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



The Treat House at 1 W. Highland Drive
Photo by John Hennes



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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

NOTICE! Thank you for having renewed your membership for 2005-2006. Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows (2006EXP) it means your membership runs through May 2006. **Members are our resource. Help us improve our membership numbers.** For more information contact Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369.*Thanks for helping make this a great organization!*

CALENDAR OF

Wed. Jan. 25, 2006

Program: Harry Whitney Treat, His Life and Times. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See p. 1)

Wed. Mar. 22, 2006

Program: The Cemetery in America. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. May 24, 2006

Program: A Portrayal of Catharine Payne Blaine, Seattle's First Teacher, by Debbie Dimitre. Annual Meeting, at McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. June XX, 2006

Walking Tour: The annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Date and time yet to be chosen. Free.

Goodness Gracious

These Gracious Ladies of Queen Anne were seen at the November 23rd meeting of the Society. Almost 80 people were in the auditorium at John Hay school to witness 100 years of fashion, from the 1850s to the 1950s. Through the courtesy of Seattle



Photo by John Hennes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

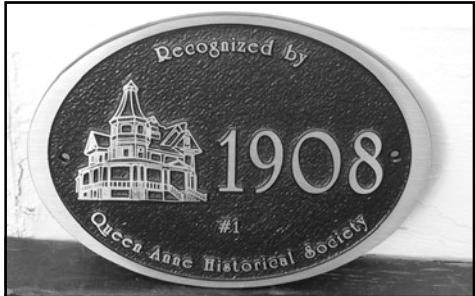
The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Goodwill Industries, 12 models wearing authentic vintage clothing represented 12 historic Queen Anne women. Mary Lewis (rear, 4th from left) narrated the clothing and Del Loder presented the historical biographies.

HERITAGE NEWS

Historic Marker Program

The historic marker program, chaired by John DeRosa, has obtained a sample of the proposed marker to be used. Details of the program will be available soon. The idea is to tie the historic marker to a documented set of data about the history of a given house. The historical data will remain a valued archival record of QA



residences.

A trial run of documenting a house history is underway now. For more information contact John DeRosa at 206-282-3842 or johnd@qahistory.org.

125 Years for Local Church

A major milestone was marked in November when the First Free Methodist Church held its 125th anniversary. The church, located at 3rd Ave W. and W. Dravus, by Seattle Pacific University, was founded in 1880 in downtown Seattle. The current location is on land donated by Nils Petersen for the Seattle Seminary. Petersen was also the donor of the land for Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Holiday Magic Trolley Takes Off

The first-time Holiday Magic Top to Bottom program, coordinated by the Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce, proved to be popular.

It began with a celebration in the Counterbalance Square Park (the gravel park at QA and Roy) on Dec. 2. This was followed with four Saturdays during which a trolley looped around upper and lower Queen Anne, giving

free rides to local shoppers. Your Society took part by supplying guides on the trolley to talk about local history of the



All aboard! Margaret Irvine (QA Chamber of Commerce) and John Hennes (QAHS) prepare the Holiday Trolley to start its run.

Photo by Isabel Egglin

points along the way.

Nothing very profound, but it was a lot of fun for visitors, local residents and our society members.

Historic Resources Survey Available On-Line

A unique resource for exploring the history of houses in Seattle is now available to you on-line. The City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods has put almost 5000 homes in a historic preservation website. These include many homes on Queen Anne that were covered by our volunteers during the survey program in 2003 and 2004. You may have been one of the volunteers.

Check out the listing by going to our website www.qahistory.org and follow the link to this fascinating city site.

(Kim's Christmas continued from page 4)

But back to Christmas - I still have the little blue lamb which was given to me that year, along with several books which were Christmas gifts. Comparing some of them with today's offerings of children's books, I find that quality still tells in drawing book buyers. How many of you in the Society can remember those years and those special Christmases, perhaps remembering how worried you were about loved ones who were in service, or relatives who lived in the war zones? It was a time when America could be proud of many of the achievements and sacrifices we made during that time. I wish I could go back to those times, in part to better chronicle them, perhaps with a video camera to follow the preparations for Christmas and the decorating of the house and the tree.

My sister and I divided up the classic ornaments which we had for the tree. In later years I bought one new special ornament for the tree every year. This became a tradition which lasted until I moved away from Queen Anne Hill in 1990. Some year I hope to restart that tradition, although perhaps I did when I bought the hanging Queen Anne High School ornament for my sister several years ago.

Traditions are nice, but circumstances often change things irrevocably. We only had roast beef with Yorkshire pudding once after my Dad's death, and I never got to ask him what HIS early Christmases were like. He died just before my 6th birthday, so there are many questions for which I never learned the answers.

May the best of the holiday season come to each of you, in whatever manner you choose to celebrate. We have another year of adventure ahead, with some explorations into areas both familiar and 'uncharted,' so be ready to participate.

Cordially, Kim R. Turner

Kim R. Turner, Research Chair

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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Address _____

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I would like to become active in the Society.

The QAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Donations are deductible to the extent permitted by Federal law.

Return with payment to: Queen Anne Historical Society,

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: \$25 (\$20 for members)

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Please send me the following:
Soft cover qty: _____

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KIM'S MUSINGS

Christmas Past

Recent and upcoming events bring some memories to the fore; remembering a Christmas held in the brick house at 1202 Fifth Avenue North in 1945. The tree almost hit the ceiling. My visual memories are all I have from the time, as I was only 1-1/2. We entertained members of each branch of the military, with presents for each one. This was a tradition my parents did all through the World War II years, and for two years after. There were alcoholic drinks for the adults, usually a home-made eggnog and a cider punch which my Dad made. There were both roast turkey and roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, which my Dad made, recalling his youth in Canada. There were Christmas cookies, made with the new aluminum cookie cutters and several glass molds. The Santa Claus cake was baked in two heavy containers. The front was then frosted to the back with a rum/sugar/butter creation, then decorated in colors with a cake decorator. I think I still have that decorator; it is red plasticine which has a lot of 'give' and I have never been able to get it to work properly. My Mom could do it easily!

All the trimmings which went with the main dishes were there. The Swansons who ran the Aloha Meat market always managed to keep us supplied with fine cuts of meat, poultry,

fish and dairy products, through the war years and beyond. Mother always said she would never be afraid to eat their meats uncooked, as she knew the cuts were the best to be had. (I never tried to find out if they WERE that good). There were deviled eggs, a shrimp dish, mashed potatoes, giblets and gravy, and pies.

Usually, my Uncle Gene and Aunt Margaret would drive up from Rainier Valley to share Christmas Eve or Christmas, never both the same year! My Uncle Sid and Aunt Mary would come over from Yakima every year, always on Christmas. My aunt, who currently resides in Bremerton, and uncle, Richard and Dorothy Jane Hull, lived in the 1000 block on Taylor Avenue, having moved up from Portland as the war continued. Their daughters, Adrienne and Leslie, were with them. Leslie was six months older than I, so we became close over the years - we still manage to break each other up in laughter. My sister was closer to Adrienne in age. My Walla Walla cousins, Darrell and Bobby, rarely got to visit us in Seattle in those years. Bob was in the service, training at Pensacola; Darrell's heart murmur kept him from active service, but did not dampen his ability with saxophone. His band played all around eastern Washington. Bob stayed in the service until 1949, serving with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

(See Kim's Christmas on page 3)

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?

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for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.